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SUBJECT: LARDINOIS ANNOUNCED HE WILL NOT SEEK REAPPOINTMENT AT
THE END OF HIS TERM

1. IN THE REGULAR NOON PRESS BRIEFING ON APRIL 9, EC COMMISSIONER
FOR AGRICULTURE LARDINOIS ANNOUNCED HIS IRREVOCABLE DECISION NOT
TO SEEK REAPPOINTMENT TO HIS PRESENT POST. HIS TOUR OF DUTY
EXPIRES AT THE END OF CY 1976.

2. LARDINOIS EXPLAINED THAT THE VOLUME OF SPECULATION IN THE PRESS
LED HIM TO MAKE THIS PUBLIC STATEMENT. HE ADDED THAT THERE WERE
STRONG PERSONAL AND POLITICAL REASONS BEHIND THIS DECISION,BUT
AVOIDED SPELLING THESE OUT TO THE PRESS.HE DID SAY THAT HE INTENDS
TO ACCEPT AN OFFER TO BECOME THE EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIRMAN OF
RABOBANK OF HOLLAND,WITH REGARD TO THE POLITICAL REASONS FOR HIS
DECISION,HE VAGUELY MENTIONED CERTAIN EVENTS IN THE BENELUX
COUNTRIES,THE EFFECTS OF THESE EVENTS ON THE FUTURE ON THE CAP,
AND THE WEEL-KNOWN CAP BUDGETARY PROBLEMS.HE CHARACTERIZED THE
CAP AS THE KEYSTONE OF EUROPEAN COOPERATION,AND SAID THAT IT
WAS PRESENTLY IN SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES.

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3. LARDINOIS SAID HE HOPED TO ACCOMPLISH TWO IMPORTANT TASKS BEFORE THE END OF HIS TERM: REDUCE THE MONETARY COMPENSATORY AMOUNTS AND DEVALUE THE GREEN LIRA AND GREEN POUND, AND IMPROVE THE FUNDAMENTAL APPROACH TO THE DAIRY PROBLEM. HE SAID HE WOULD BE SHORTLY VISITING ROME AND LONDON BUT AVOIDED REPLYING TO QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS THAT ATTEMPTED TO LINK THESE TRIPS DIRECTLY WITH THE GREEN CURRENCY PROBLEM.

4. LARDINOIS REFERRED TO CERTAIN UNNAMED MEMBER STATE GOVERNMENTS WHICH HE EXPECTS SOON TO ATTEMPT TO PUT A CEILING ON THE EC AGRICULTURAL BUDGET. HE OPPOSES THE SETTING OF AN ARBITRARY CEILING ON THE AGRICULTURAL BUDGET; BUT A BUDGET, ADJUSTED PERIODICALLY BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AS NEEDED TO MEET REQUIREMENTS WOULD FOR HIM BE AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE.
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